

## The Pastor's Pen

This Advent season has been special to me. Beginning on the first Sunday in December, we began the Advent theme that God comes to us. Despite our imperfections. Despite our unworthiness. God comes to us in hope, joy, peace and love. God comes to us in these ways because God has come to us in the birth of a child in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago. A child that would be born to fill up the meaning of the name, "Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." It is in the person of Jesus, his birth; his life; his death; and his resurrection that God is revealed to us. It is because Jesus has come to us that we can have hope in our fiery furnaces of life, find peace in what can seem like a valley of dry bones, and find a way out of our lonely exile here.

I hope you have found meaning in our Advent journey together. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Jill and I are taking a couple of weeks off at Christmas to be with family and grandchildren. So, I will be seeing you in a New Year, that I hope is a happy one for all.

Blessings for the new year and I will be seeing you along the way

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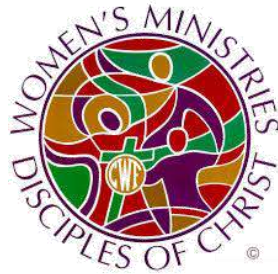
## Save the Date

- Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> - Annual Activity Planning Meeting - all are encouraged to attend!
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Craft Sale
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - Directory photos



# Cross Words

January 2018



CWF will meet again on January 3, 2018. This will be a weather permitting situation for the winter months.

All women of Waukee Christian Church are welcome to attend!  
Come join us in January.

## Church Directory

### UPDATE



We are getting ready to update our church directory! With that comes an opportunity to update photos. Janelle Taylor has made arrangements with Life Touch Photography to take professional photos for our directory at no charge to the church or its congregation! The photo dates are April 23 and April 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm on both days. Please take advantage of this opportunity!



### BETWEEN THE COVERS

Between the Covers will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> to review *Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley (mystery). See you there!



But just in case the snow is too deep or the ice too thick, the Chair of the Board and the Minister will decide what's in the best interest of Waukee Christian Church members and friends.

If Church activities are cancelled for any reason, notice will be sent through our One Call Now phone system. Please make sure the office has your preferred phone number. We will also make attempts to have the information on local television stations. Stay safe!





Dear Church,

I wanted to express again my deep thanks to all of you this year for your ongoing passion to be the church in your local community and together as Regional Church.

According to reports through November of this year, giving from congregations is up by 15.5 percent for the Disciples Mission Fund. In addition to that historical increase, the offering response from UMW congregations to support disasters across this Globe was beyond amazing. And, if that was not enough, giving to special day offerings throughout the year like Pentecost (new church), Week of Compassion, Reconciliation to combat racism, Thanksgiving (Higher Education) and Easter (supporting General church ministries including support for our General Minister) were all up 6-12 percent as well.

What I am saying is you make me proud to be from the Upper Midwest. You are some of the most caring and amazing people of faith I have come to know. Thank you for all you do and all you ARE!

Merry Christmas Church  
BSD (Proud Regional Minister of  
the Upper Midwest)

PS. I look forward to learning what God will call us to do together this coming year!



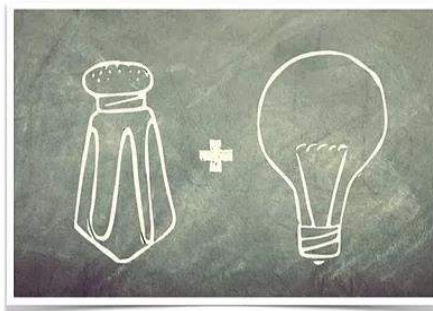
## Time and Talent Forms

The Time and Talent forms provide the information for the office to make out the Serving Schedule each month.

If you did not fill out a Time and Talent form for 2018, your volunteer list of tasks will remain the same as 2017. If you want to make changes to your 2017 volunteer list, or want (or are willing) to participate in any church activities, please fill out a 2018 Time and Talent Form (located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall) and your name will be added to the volunteer list for the designated tasks.

The office did receive a 2018 Time and Talent form that did not have a name on it. This form will also be put on the bulletin board and hopefully the owner will be identified! Thanks for your willingness to participate in church!

## 2017 - 2018 Youth Retreats



You are the  
Salt of the  
Earth.

You are the  
Light of the  
World.

Junior (Grades 3-5)  
February 9 - 11

Ch. Rho (Grades 6-8)  
November 10 - 12

CYF (Grades 9-12)  
February 23 - 25

Register Today!



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1/02 Jim Pfeifer
- 1/03 Marlene Risinger
- 1/09 Julie Cornelius
- 1/11 Darcey Gruber
- 1/12 Roberta Petty
- 1/21 Shari Burgus
- 1/24 Matthew Cross
- 1/24 Janelle Taylor
- 1/29 Natalie Keller



Julie Cornelius is our Visiting Pastor. Please let her know if you are hospitalized or would

like her to make a visit. Her phone contact is 515 370-3144.

For its December meeting, WOW held its annual Cup of Cheer at Thomas Place hosted by Linda Wilcox. The group again enjoyed a spirited seasonal cup exchange and wonderful holiday refreshments. There was a short meeting with updates on the group's activities through 2017. The January meeting will be held at the home of Karen Neese and Tammy Hardersen will lead devotions. All women of Waukee Christian Church are invited to attend."



### Change of Address? New email?

Please let the office know if you have a new address, a new email address or if you would like to receive this publication in a different way (email, snail mail, etc.)



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A BIG THANK YOU for all the prayers and cards for me and Rosalie! A second opinion diagnosis in Iowa City was much more positive than the one we originally received in Des Moines. Monthly treatments started December 19th at University of Iowa hospital.

God bless all of you!

Jim & Rosalie Pfeifer

## Thank you!

Thanks to

- All who helped make this Advent Season a great one!
- Our Sunday School teachers for guiding our youngsters in the ways of Jesus.
- Everyone who attended the Christmas Eve Service and to those that made that service so special.

Dear Church Family,  
I am blessed to be a part of this family and able to serve as Visitation Minister. Thank you for the Christmas gift. I look forward to the ministry we can do together in 2018 serving in His name.

Thanks again,  
Pastor Julie

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for your Christmas gift.

I, too, have been blessed to be a part of this family. I can honestly say that this has been the best job I ever had. You have each warmed my heart in ways that I cannot explain.

Thanks again,  
Lanita

I want to sincerely thank everyone who gave me cards and good Christmas and birthday wishes. Your kind words touched me and I want you to know how much I appreciated them and how much I appreciate everyone at Waukee Christian Church  
Pastor Brad Thornton

## Prayer Squares Available

Do you have a friend or family member that needs comfort and prayers? Then pick up a free prayer square in the fellowship hall to give to them.



Prayer squares are small yarn items that have been hand made by the Knit Wits just for that purpose. They come with a printed message that you can give to someone who needs comforted. They are small enough to fit in a pocket or purse, but remind them that others are thinking and praying for them. The prayer squares are located on the tall round table by the memorial plaque in the fellowship hall.

Prayer shawls are also available too. They are can be found in the prayer room.



Your giving is important to the future ministry of God's church in this place. Please give generously and with a cheerful heart.

	September	October	November
<b>Receipts</b>	\$ 11,979.79	\$ 12,543.85	\$ 9,430.34
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 5,592.26	\$ 9,818.30	\$ 8,969.58
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 6,387.53	\$ 2,725.55	\$ 460.76
<b>Money available for expenses</b>	<b>\$ 28,169.36</b>	<b>\$ 30,894.91</b>	<b>\$ 31,355.67</b>



## January Serving Schedule

January	7 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Communion Prep &amp; Clean-up</b>	Linda O'Hair	Ryan Taylor	Ken/Lanita Cavanaugh	Marlene Risinger
<b>A/V</b>	Lanita Cavanaugh	Ryan Taylor	Matt Hansen	Jason Keller
<b>Greeter</b>	Marilyn Dowell	Suzanne Koch	Karen Neese	Sue MacRae
<b>Youth Greeter</b>	Zoey Koch	Sam Ruggles	Austin Younger	Alice Ruggles
<b>Candle Lighter</b>	Kayson Taylor	Janelle Taylor	Gavin Rees	Tammy Hardersen
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Kathy Dean	Ellie Bullington	Shari Burgus	George Risinger
<b>Reader</b>	Cathy Conklin	Jan De Jong	Suzanne Koch	Shari Burgus
<b>Call to Offering &amp; Offering Prayer</b>	Cimberly Hansen	Matt Hansen	Ryan Taylor	Juanita McBeth
<b>Offering &amp; Communion Servers</b>	Ken Cavanaugh	Janelle Taylor	Cimberly Hansen	Linda Wilcox
<b>Communion Invitation</b>	Tammy Hardersen	Juanita McBeth	Janelle Taylor	Cathy Conklin
<b>Communion Prayer</b>	Matt Hansen	Ron Hardersen	Ryan Taylor	Judy Tyler
<b>Fellowship</b> (please remember to take out trash)	Beckie Myers	Marc/Jan De Jong	Sue MacRae	Ken/Lanita Cavanaugh
<b>Child Care Attendant</b>	Zoey Koch	Alayna Younger	Reagan Cavanaugh	Zoey Koch

### Monthly Tasks

<b>Food Pantry Delivery</b>	Jack Harris	<b>Lock up after church</b>	Linda O'Hair
<b>Visiting Shepherds</b>	Cimberly Hansen/Tammy Hardersen	<b>Water Indoor plants</b>	Beckie Myers

## February Serving Schedule

If you are going to be gone, please secure your substitute and let the office know of the change. Thanks!

February	4 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Communion Prep &amp; Clean-up</b>	David Grandgenett	Beckie Myers	Shari Burgus	Ryan Taylor
<b>A/V</b>	Suzanne Koch	David Grandgenett	Jason Keller	Lanita Cavanaugh
<b>Greeter</b>	Jan De Jong	Jim Pfeifer	Lorrie Grandgenett	Marlene Risinger
<b>Youth Greeter</b>	Gavin Reeck	Sarah Infante	Alice Ruggles	Austin Younger
<b>Candle Lighter</b>	Kayson Taylor	Gavin Reeck	Sadie Infante	Colten Silverthorn
<b>Children's Moment</b>	George Risinger	Ellie Bullington	Shari Burgus	Kathy Dean
<b>Reader</b>	Juanita McBeth	Judy Tyler	Linda Wilcox	Lorri Grandgenett
<b>Call to Offering &amp; Offering Prayer</b>	Cathy Conklin	Matt Hansen	Ryan Taylor	Suzanne Koch
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<b>Visiting Shepherds</b>	Cimberly Hansen/Shari Burgus	<b>Lock up after church</b>	Lorrie Grandgenett

# JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Office Closed 	<b>2</b> Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	<b>3</b> CWF 1:00 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	<b>10</b>  WOW 560 SE Brick Dr. 6:30 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship  Noisy Offering today!  Support Team after fellowship	<b>15</b>   Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	<b>16</b> Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  
<b>21</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship  Annual Activity Planning Meeting after fellowship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	<b>31</b>  			

# Cross + Words

January 2018

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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. Coffee

### **...OUR STAFF...**

**Interim Pastor:** Reverend Brad Thornton

**Visiting Pastor:** Julie Cornelius

**Admin. Assistant:** Lanita Cavanaugh

### **... CHURCH OFFICE ...**

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**~ We are People of the Table ~**  
**~ Living Faith on the Edge of Waukee ~**



**Connecting** people to each other and the world.

**Growing** spiritually through the renewing of our minds.

**Honoring** the Image of God in all people.

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